CSE 417
Algorithms and Complexity

Autumn 2024

Lecture 9 – Greedy Algorithms II

Announcements

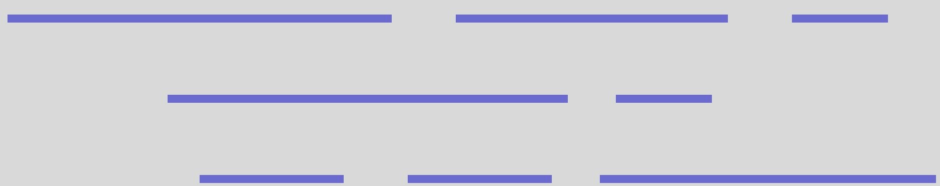
- Today's lecture
  - Kleinberg-Tardos, 4.2, 4.3
- Wednesday and Friday
  - Kleinberg-Tardos, 4.4, 4.5

Greedy Algorithms

- Solve problems with the simplest possible algorithm
- The hard part: showing that something simple actually works
- Today's problems (Sections 4.2, 4.3)
  - Graph Coloring
  - Homework Scheduling
  - Optimal Caching

Interval Scheduling

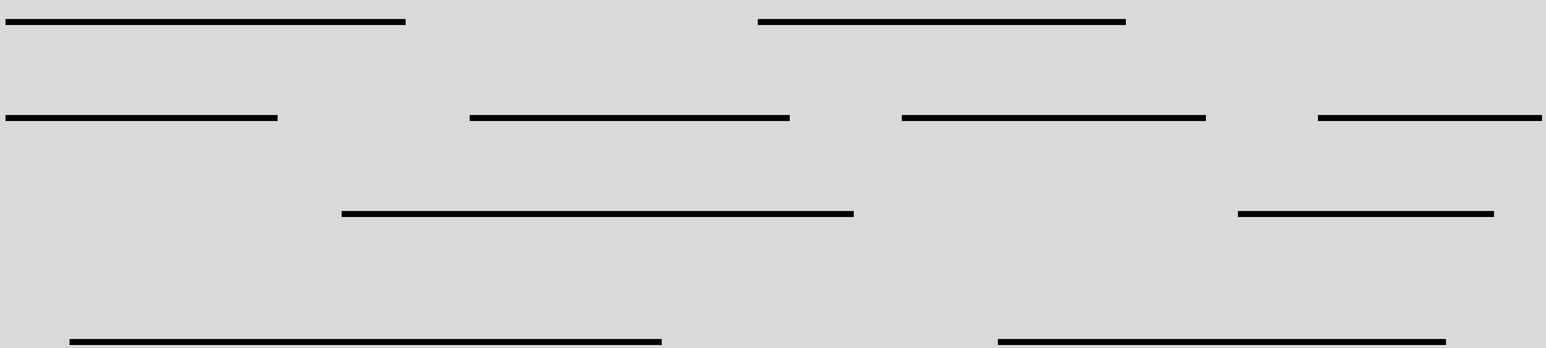
- Tasks occur at fixed times, single processor
- Maximize number of tasks completed



- Earliest finish time first algorithm optimal
- Optimality proof: stay ahead lemma
  - Mathematical induction is the technical tool

Scheduling all intervals with multiple processors

- Minimize number of processors to schedule all intervals

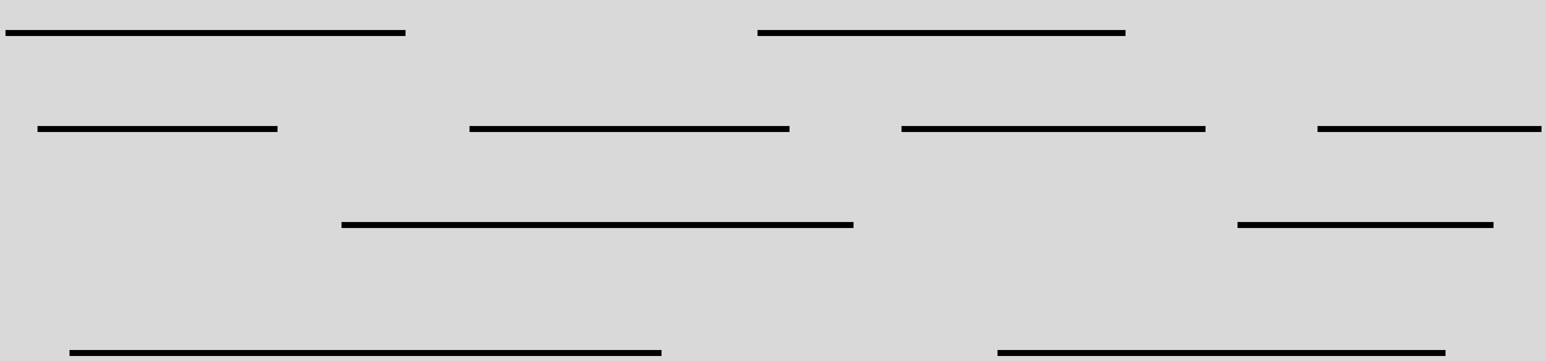


Depth: Maximum number of overlapping intervals

Algorithm

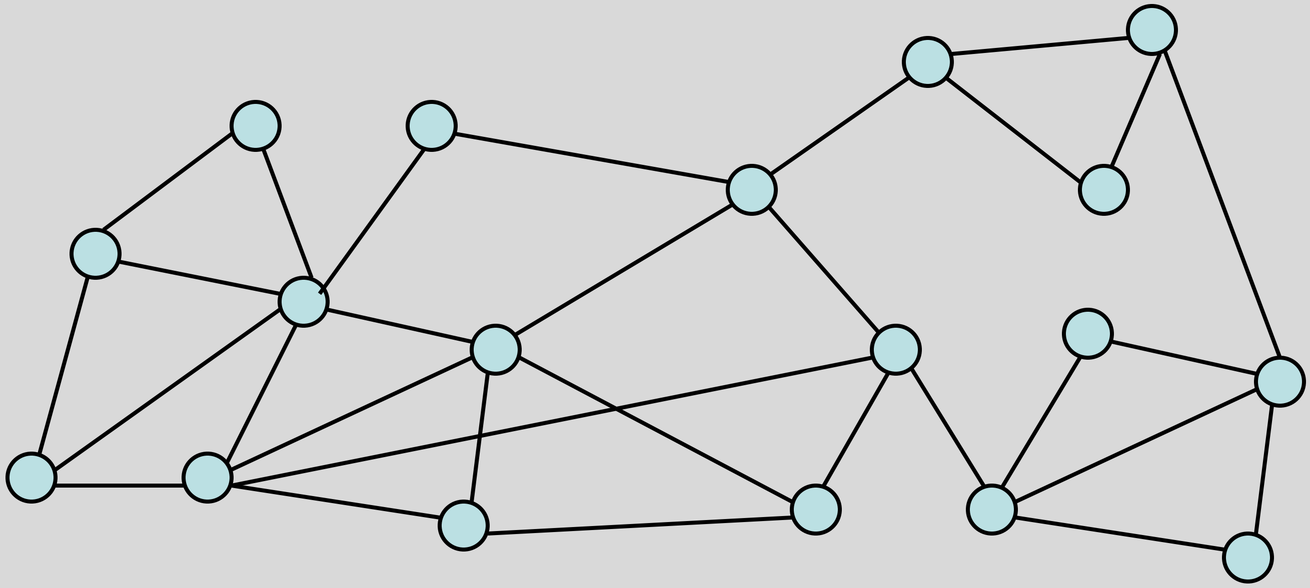
Sort intervals by start time

for i = 1 to n
    Assign interval i to the lowest numbered idle processor



Greedy Graph Coloring

Theorem: An undirected graph with maximum degree K can be colored with K+1 colors



Greedy Coloring Algorithm

- Assume maximum degree K
- Pick a vertex v, and assign a color not in N(v) from [1, . . . , K + 1]
- Always an available color

- In the worst case, this algorithm cannot be improved
  - There exists a graph of degree K requiring K+1 colors

Coloring Algorithm, Version 1

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Let k be the largest vertex degree
Choose k+1 colors

for each vertex v
      Color[v] = uncolored

for each vertex v
      Let c be a color not used in N[v]
      Color[v] = c
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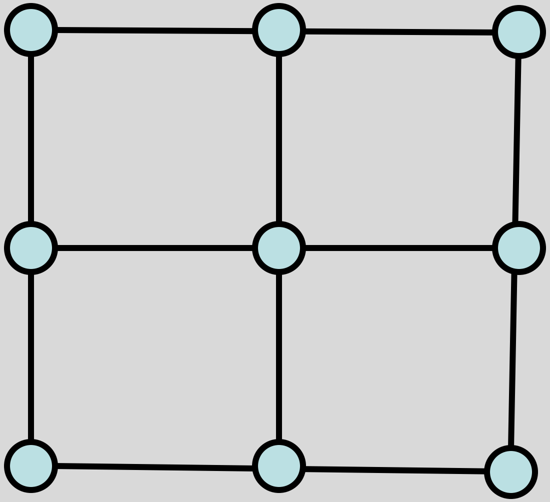

Coloring Algorithm, Version 2

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for each vertex v
      Color[v] = uncolored

for each vertex v
      Let c be the smallest color not used in N[v]
      Color[v] = c
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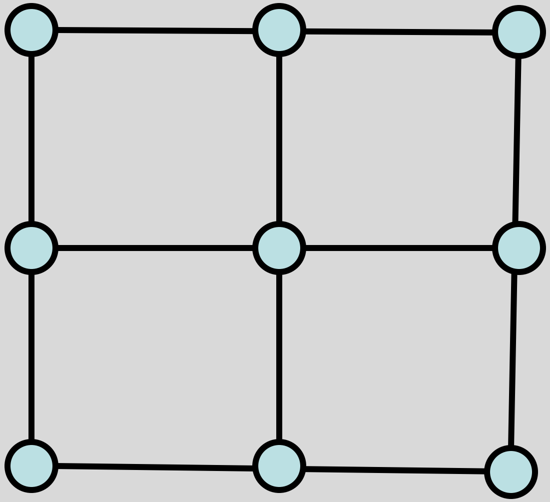
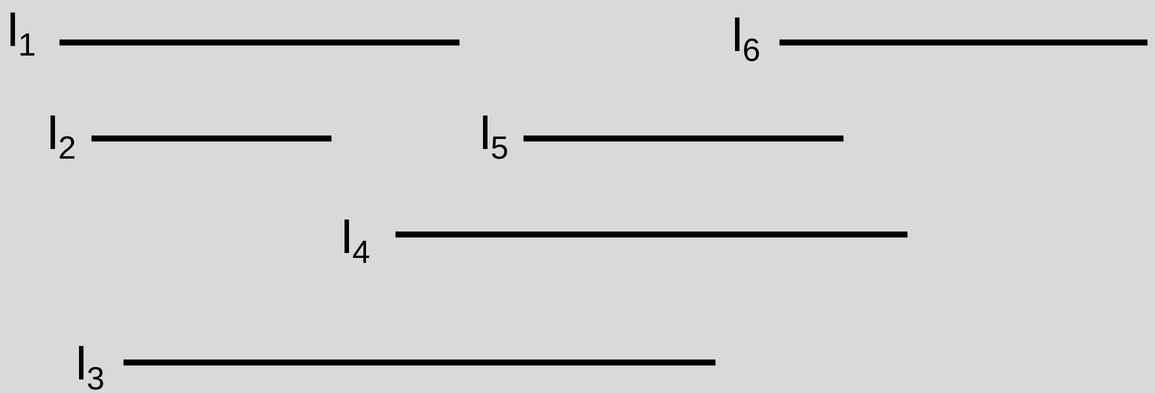
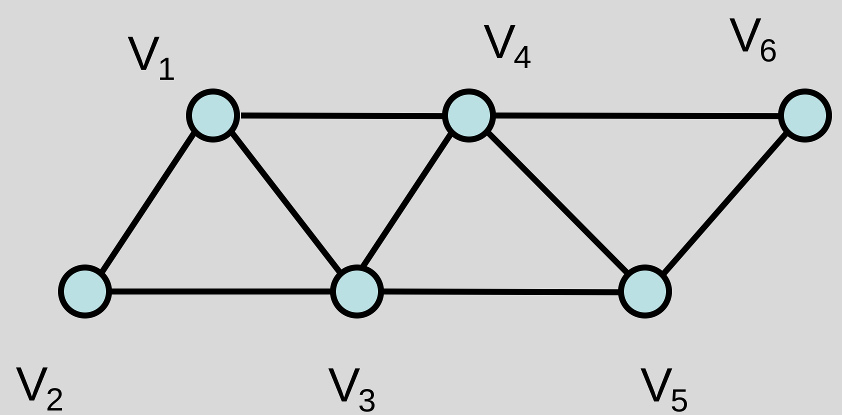


Interval scheduling is graph coloring





Homework Scheduling

- Tasks to perform
- Deadlines on the tasks
- Freedom to schedule tasks in any order

- Can I get all my work turned in on time?
- If I can't get everything in, I want to minimize the maximum lateness

Scheduling tasks

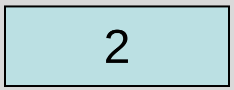
- Each task has a length t_i and a deadline d_i
- All tasks are available at the start
- One task may be worked on at a time
- All tasks must be completed

- Goal minimize maximum lateness
  - Lateness: $L_i = f_i - d_i$ if $f_i \geq d_i$

Example

Time | Deadline

a_1



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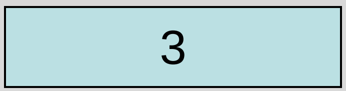
a_2



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Lateness 1

Lateness 3

Determine the minimum lateness

	Time	Deadline
a_1	2	6
a_2	3	4
a_3	4	5
a_4	5	12

Greedy Algorithm

- Earliest deadline first
- Order jobs by deadline

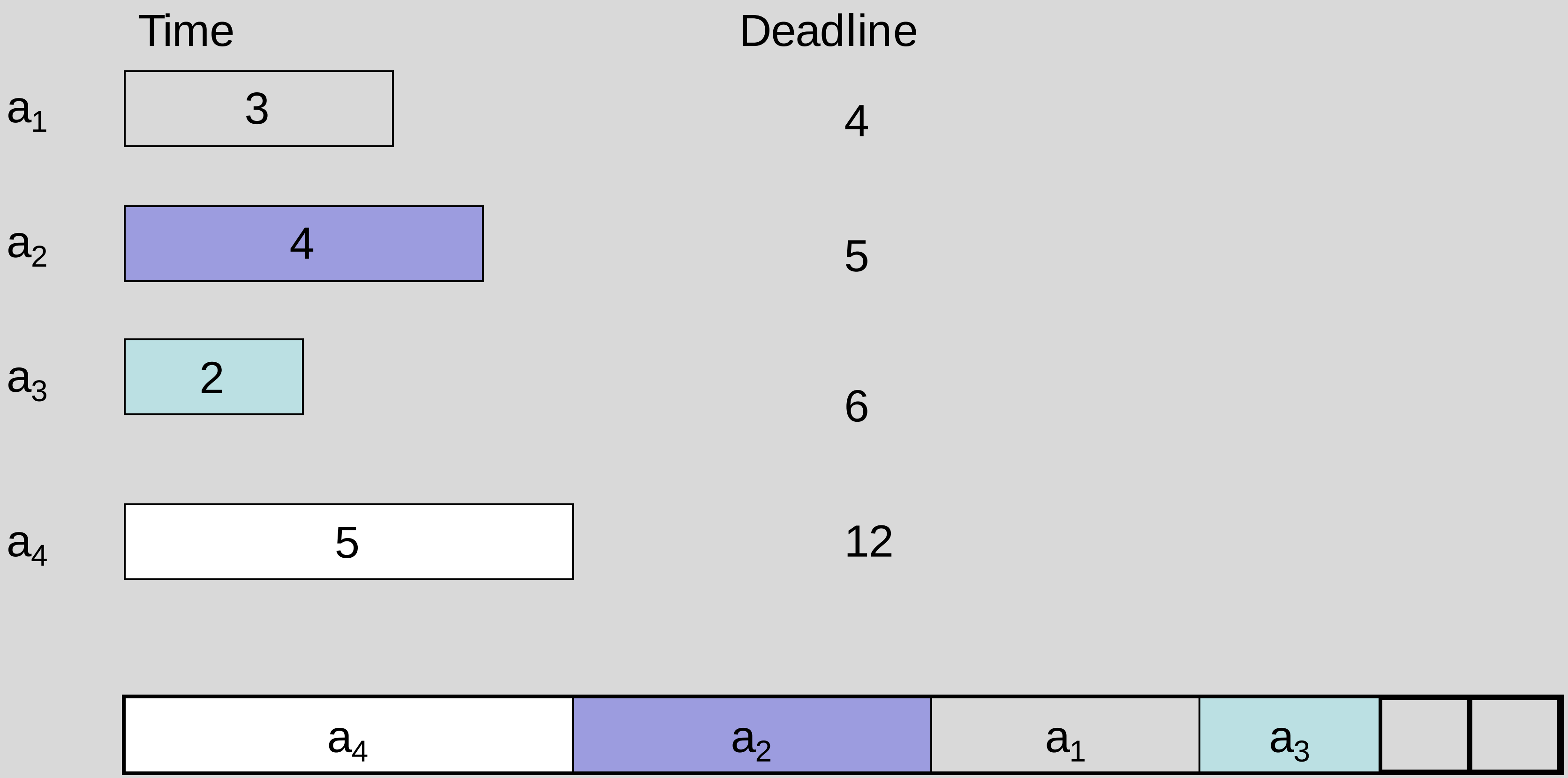
- This algorithm is optimal

Analysis

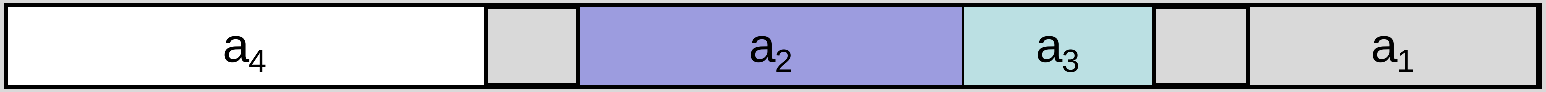
- Suppose the jobs are ordered by deadlines, $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq . . . \leq d_n$
- A schedule has an *inversion* if job j is scheduled before i where j > i

- The schedule A computed by the greedy algorithm has no inversions.
- Let O be the optimal schedule, we want to show that A has the same maximum lateness as O

List the inversions



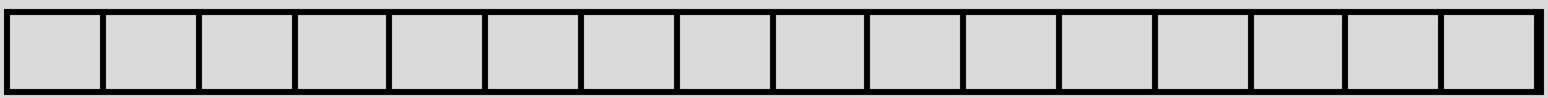
Lemma: There is an optimal schedule with no idle time



- It doesn't hurt to start your homework early!
- Note on proof techniques
  - This type of can be important for keeping proofs clean
  - It allows us to make a simplifying assumption for the remainder of the proof

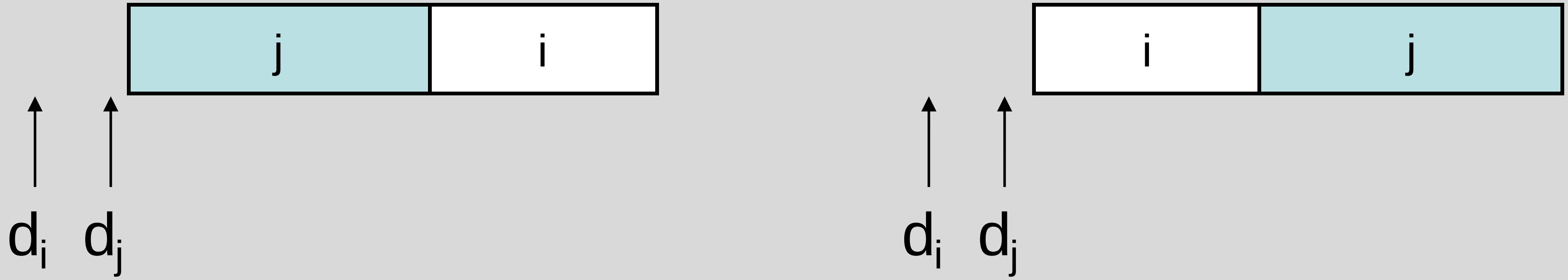
Lemma

- If there is an inversion i, j, there is a pair of adjacent jobs i’, j’ which form an inversion

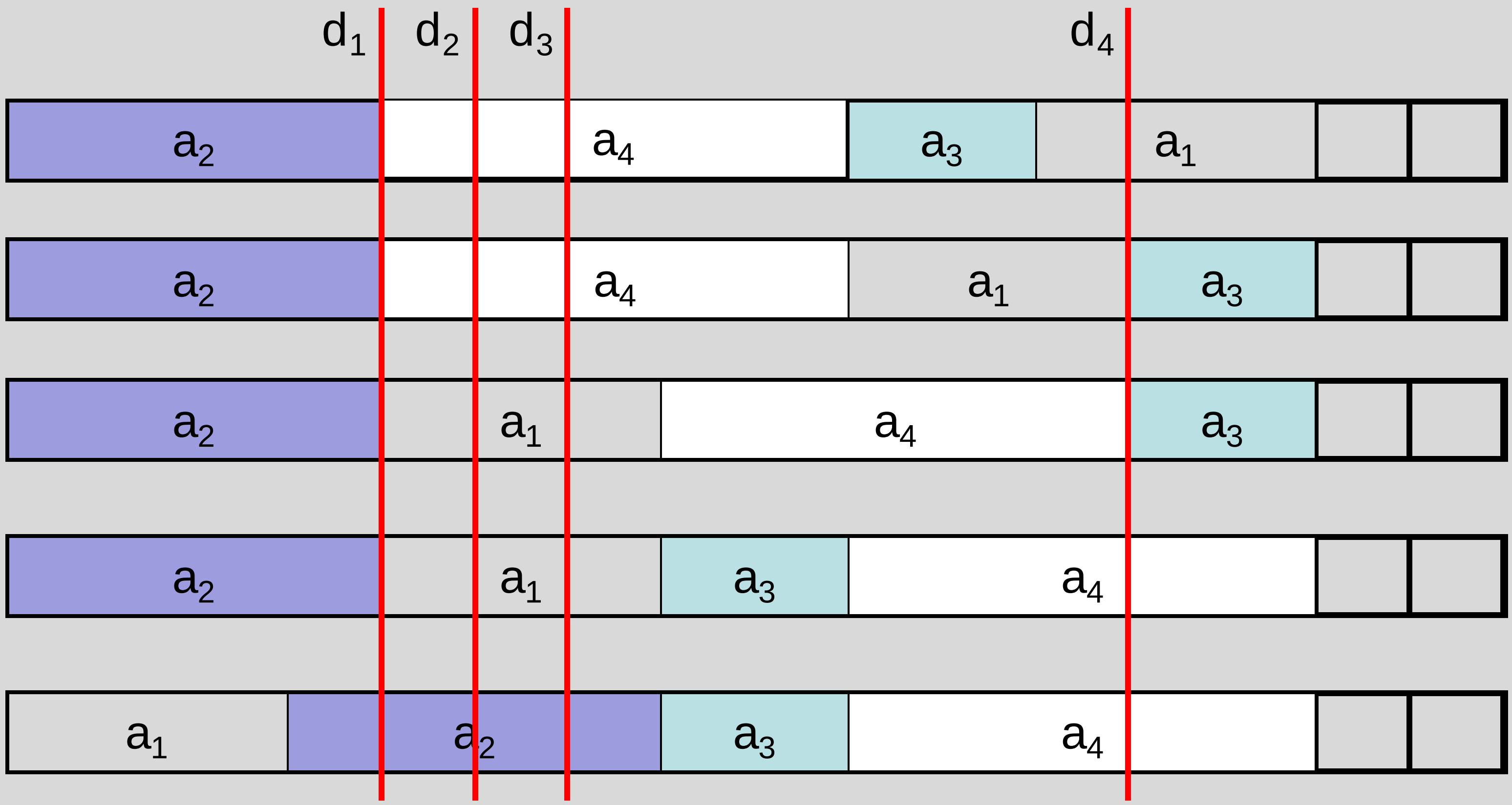


Interchange argument

- Suppose there is a pair of jobs i and j, with $d_i \le d_j$, and j scheduled immediately before i. Interchanging i and j does not increase the maximum lateness.



Proof by Bubble Sort



Determine maximum lateness

Real Proof

- There is an optimal schedule with no inversions and no idle time.
- Let O be an optimal schedule k inversions, we construct a new optimal schedule with k-1 inversions
- Repeat until we have an optimal schedule with 0 inversions
- This is the solution found by the earliest deadline first algorithm

Result

- Earliest Deadline First algorithm constructs a schedule that minimizes the maximum lateness

Homework Scheduling

- How is the model unrealistic?

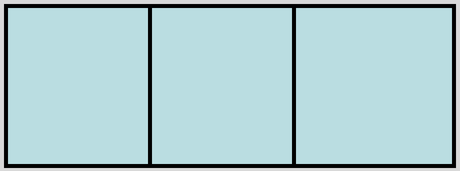
Extensions

- What if the objective is to minimize the sum of the lateness?
  - EDF does not work
- If the tasks have release times and deadlines, and are non-preemptable, the problem is NP-complete
- What about the case with release times and deadlines where tasks are preemptable?

Optimal Caching

- Caching problem:
  - Maintain collection of items in local memory
  - Minimize number of items fetched

Caching example



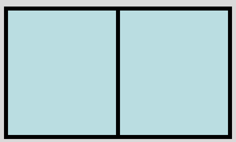
A, B, C, D, A, E, B, A, D, A, C, B, D, A

Optimal Caching

- If you know the sequence of requests, what is the optimal replacement pattern?
- Note – it is rare to know what the requests are in advance – but we still might want to do this:
  - Some specific applications, the sequence is known
    - Register allocation in code generation
  - Competitive analysis, compare performance on an online algorithm with an optimal offline algorithm

Farthest in the future algorithm

- Discard element used farthest in the future



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Correctness Proof

- Sketch
- Start with Optimal Solution O
- Convert to Farthest in the Future Solution F-F
- Look at the first place where they differ
- Convert O to evict F-F element
  - There are some technicalities here to ensure the caches have the same configuration . . .

Later this week